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Ref: Poetry Corner Submission

Dear Chatham Library, I am a local Medway resident and would like to submit one of my poems please see below:

'It's a Strange Ting'

It is a strange ting when I ask for help.
It starts with wondering eyes and a noise that sounds like a belch.

A wiggle and sometimes a shuffle
My mind becomes baffled, and my words are all muffled.

It is a strange ting when I ask for help.
The palms of my hands go all wet and my armpits dem start fe sweat.

The knees feel like jelly, there's a funny squiggle inna me belly.
Always seems easier, when seen pon de telly!

It is a strange ting when I ask for help.

I Imagine all the tings people will say as though I was a clairvoyant back inna da day.
Truth is all that pre-tinking only delays.

Why do I feel like I have been stretched in ten different ways?

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